

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 USC §103. The rejections are fully traversed below. The claims have been amended to correct minor informalities and to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 7, 8, 24, 26, 36, and 50-51 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 5, 9-10, 12-23, 25, 27, 31-35, 37, and 39-49 remain pending.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 7-9, 12-17, 42-44, and 50 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Borella, U.S. Patent No. 7,347,684, ('Borella' hereinafter) in view of Chowdhury et al, U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0022212, ('Chowdhury' hereinafter) / Raman et al, U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0018829, ('Raman' hereinafter).

With respect to claims 1 and 42-44, as amended, Applicant respectfully asserts that Borella and Chowdhury, separately or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest "wherein the disconnect request message is received by the PDSN from a second AAA server via the first AAA server, wherein the first AAA server is a visited AAA server associated with a foreign network."

The Examiner cites paragraphs [0266] and [0270] of Raman. However, paragraph [0266] merely discloses that the HAAA sends a halt indication to the PDSN. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Raman teaches away from "wherein the disconnect request message is received by the PDSN from a second AAA server via the first AAA server, wherein the first AAA server is a visited AAA server associated with a foreign network." While paragraph [0270] discloses that the BAAA may act as a proxy to the HAAA, this is within the context of performing a hand-off of a wireless prepaid call. Thus, Raman fails to disclose or suggest the BAAA acting as a proxy for the purposes of sending a halt indication to the PDSN within the

context of releasing resources associated with a PPP session. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that Raman fails to cure the deficiencies of Borella and Chowdhury.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims are patentable over the cited art. The dependent claims depend from one of the independent claims and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons. However, the dependent claims recite additional limitations that further distinguish them from the cited references. The additional limitations recited in the independent claims or the dependent claims are not further discussed, as the above discussed limitations are clearly sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §103(a).

SUMMARY

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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